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Washington, D.C. 20231

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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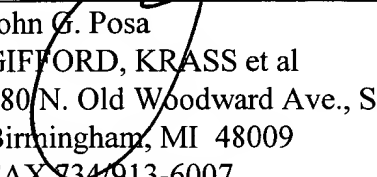
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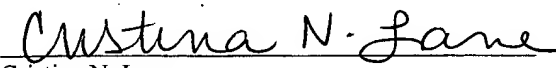


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